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What is the RHS 1:1 Initiative?

Who: All Students Grades 9-12

What: 1:1 Chromebooks

Where: Ridgewood High School

When: 2014-15 School Year

Why: Increase student engagement, creativity and innovation, workplace and college readiness skills
What is a Chromebook?
Our Reality - The Common Core

- Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.

- Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.

- Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., quantitative data, video, multimedia) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

- Synthesize information from a range of sources (e.g., texts, experiments, simulations) into a coherent understanding of a process, phenomenon, or concept, resolving conflicting information when possible.
Our Reality - The Digital Age

“Because knowledge is available on every Internet-connected device, what you know matters far less than what you can do with what you know. The capacity to innovate — the ability to solve problems creatively or bring new possibilities to life — and skills like critical thinking, communication and collaboration are far more important than academic knowledge.”

- Tony Wagner, *Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change The World*
Our Reality - 21st Century Learning

In an increasingly complex, demanding and competitive 21st century, students need to learn more than the 3R’s they are tested on in school. It’s time to help them go “above & beyond”, by embracing the 4C’s:

- **Communication**
- **Collaboration**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Creativity**
How Does a 1:1 Initiative Transform Teaching and Learning?

- Increased technology access
- Communication and collaboration
- Access to information digitally (anytime, anywhere)
- Fluid interaction with curricula through subject specific apps
- Creation of authentic products
- Sharing products with larger audiences
- Alternate forms of assessment
Teacher Professional Development

- RPS realizes that “the effectiveness of professional development has a direct impact on the success of a one-to-one program” (Drayton, Falk, Stroud, Homms, & Hammerman, 2010; Shapley et al., 2010)
- RPS has taken and continues to take great strides in providing diverse PD opportunities for our teachers.

Examples Include:
- 4 Teacher Technology Coaches at RHS, 14 district wide
- 30+ teachers and administrators attended the NY/NJ Google Summit in March
- 120+ teachers attending two-day “Google Summit” in July 2014
- Summer PD offerings as well as on-line certifications such as the Google Certified Teacher program
Student Benefits

Increased Student:
- Engagement, motivation, and exploration with content, curricula and standards
- Collaboration and communication
- Organization and productivity skills
- Information literacy & 21st century skills
- Ownership of work and product creation
Distribution Process

Annual Mandatory Online Re-registration process in Skyward begins August 11. Students/Parents must login to Skyward Family/Student Access and verify that you have read and agree to the following:

- Ridgewood Public Schools Board Policies
- Acceptable Use of Networks/Computers Policy (AUP)
- School District Provided Technology Devices to Pupils Policy
- Chromebook Policy, Procedures & Information Handbook
- RPS “Anti-Big Brother” Notification
- Pay the mandatory Insurance Plan fee of $30.00
- Pay all other fees and monies owed (Activities, Food Service, etc).
- Prior to picking up their Chromebook, students will also have to complete the safe technology practices assignment online via Skyward.

Distribution at RHS will be during selected dates in September. Students will receive:

- Dell Chromebook with a protective cover*
- A/C Charger

* The purchase of an additional protective sleeve or bag is highly recommended as it will protect the Chromebook from accidental damage.
## Overview of Student Responsibilities

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<td>● Screen cleaning</td>
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<td>● Battery charging</td>
<td>● Teacher directed use of music, games and sound in classroom</td>
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<td>● Storing devices</td>
<td>● Using wireless access at home</td>
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<td>● Apps and system installed by the district should not be removed or tampered with</td>
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<td>● Saving and backing up data and materials</td>
<td>● Syncing and software updates will only occur with RPS, not with personal accounts and apps</td>
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<td>● No clogging of device or cloud storage with extraneous data that is not school related</td>
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<td>● No defacing of device or removing school labels</td>
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What does RHS Chromebook Insurance Cover?

Annual Cost - $30

- Accidental Damage, including drops/cracked screens/liquid spills
- Theft
- Fire/Flood Damage
- Natural Disasters
- Power Surge due to Lightning

* Damages that result from abuse or neglect are the responsibility of the student and subject to fees.
Parent Resources

RPS Website will include:

- Rationale for program
- Link to RPS Chromebook Policy, Procedure & Information Handbook
- Parent and student guidelines
- FAQ’s
- 1:1 Presentation
- More to come...

Chromebook Policy, Procedures, and Information Handbook 2014-15
Ridgewood Public Schools

The Ridgewood Public Schools, committed to a tradition of excellence and innovation, in partnership with the community, provide a rich and challenging learning environment, enabling students to maximize their potentials to become life-long learners and productive, responsible citizens.

A searchable digital copy of this policy is available online at www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us
A very special thanks to The Foundation for their partnership and financial commitment. It is because of their commitment that we are able to offer the Chromebooks to all students grades 9-12. We could not have done this without them!